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Dear Sir:

## **RESPONSE**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002. The period to respond is extended by payment of the appropriate fee, provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

## In the Claims

Please amend claim 67 to read as follows:

**67**. (Amended) A purified and isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a nGPCR-2037 allelic variant identified according to claim 82.

Please add new claim 82

82. (New) The method of claim 66 further comprising the step of synthesizing or isolating the allelic variant.

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